## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-24 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 11, and 16 are the independent claims.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 11-24 represent allowable subject matter. The Examiner has also indicated that claims 2-10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the case claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 2 has been so rewritten and claims 3-10 have been amended to properly reflect the new independent claim.

• Applicants have withdrawn claim 1. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to present these remaining claims in a continuation or divisional application.

Accordingly, a notice of allowance is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 908-532-1904 if the Examiner wishes to discuss any matter concerning the application.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C. F. R. 1.16 and 1.17 to AT&T Corp. Deposit Account No. 01-2745.

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